



## King County

### Water and Land Resources Division

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DATE: May 15, 2006

TO: Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board  
Noxious Weed Committee

FROM: King County Noxious Weed Control Board

RE: Addition of Yellow Archangel to State Noxious Weed List

The King County Noxious Weed Control Board requests that the Washington State Weed Board consider again its request to add yellow archangel (*Lamium galeobdolon*) to the Washington State Noxious Weed List as a Class C noxious weed. This plant is currently on the Washington State Monitor List and escaped populations have been reported in Kitsap, San Juan, Thurston and King County.

Based on our observations of this plant in King County and first-hand experiences and testimony of our citizens, we feel that yellow archangel poses a very real threat to forest habitat in both urban and rural parts of our county. Adding yellow archangel to the State Noxious Weed List will allow us to educate the public about proper disposal and containment of this plant in developing areas adjacent to forest lands. Also, official status as a noxious weed will improve our ability to stop it from spreading into state, county, private and federal forest lands, either by volunteer means or by selecting it for required control in areas where it could spread to forest lands.

The number of escaped populations continues to grow in our county. However, we believe that there is still an opportunity to stop the spread of this plant into quality forest land and to prevent the damage caused by other forest invasives that we did not stop in time, such as herb-Robert and English ivy. Adding yellow archangel to the noxious weed list at this time will allow us to act proactively against this new invader in our county and to prevent it from becoming established in our forests and spreading to forest land in other counties in western Washington.

For background information on this plant, please see the attached materials and the Written Findings written by Alison Halpern in 2005.